

**Resolution amending a Service Agreement with the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens for a Green Corps training program** (Economic Development & Planning)  
(\$25,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Acts of 1974 and 1977, as further amended, Franklin County has applied for and received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant for certain community development activities; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution 102-13 the Franklin County Board of Commissioners adopted the County's 2013 Annual Action Plan and which was approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development acknowledging this community development need, fulfilling all requisite citizen participation requirements related to that plan and approving this allocation within; and

**WHEREAS**, Green Corps, a Franklin County initiative authorized under the 2013 Franklin County Action Plan, is a training program operated by Franklin Park Conservatory for high school (or equivalent) graduates and is designed to prepare them for a career in horticulture-related fields, such as landscaping, plant propagation, and food cultivation; and

**WHEREAS**, this amendment to the Franklin Park Conservatory contract provides support for the completion of Year 2 of the Green Corps program, a horticultural and landscaping certification training program for Franklin County youth currently participating in the local Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program; and

**WHEREAS**, having invested thoughtful planning and demonstrated successful programming, Green Corps has now matured into a highly successful and highly regarded workforce and personal development program for young people from disadvantaged families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 570.503, requires that a funding agreement be executed by the grant recipient--Franklin County Commissioners--and the Franklin Park Conservatory prior to the disbursement of CDBG funds; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

That the attached Service Agreement amendment and purchase order in the amount of \$25,000, between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens to implement a Green Corps program, are hereby approved.

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